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Assistant Director for Operations

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Acting Chief, FBIB

Summary of Conversation between [redacted]

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1. A brief statement of the background of this discussion follows:

a. Inspection reports prepared by [redacted] I&S, and [redacted] make reference to the fact that printed forms and other material received by the FBIB Field Bureaus from Washington bear reference to the Central Intelligence Agency.

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b. It is recommended by [redacted] that when forms are printed for use in foreign areas, all reference to the Central Intelligence Agency should be eliminated. (See Tab A).

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c. It is suggested by [redacted] that Central Intelligence Agency be eliminated from all material being sent to foreign offices. (See Tab B).

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2. With a view to securing the guidance of [redacted] in this matter, particularly in connection with FBIB publications, Mr. [redacted] requested an interview with [redacted]. The following is a brief summary of the conversation which ensued.

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3. [redacted] raised the question with [redacted] as to what action he considered necessary from a security standpoint in connection with FBIB publications which carry the heading "Foreign Broadcast Information Branch, Central Intelligence Agency," copies of which are forwarded to FBIB Field Bureaus. [redacted] expressed the view that since it was likely that by this time both American and non-American personnel employed in the FBIB Field Bureaus were aware of the connection between FBIB and the Central Intelligence Agency, nothing further would be gained toward concealing this association by the substitution of new covers on FBIB publications with the words Central Intelligence Agency deleted from the heading. [redacted] further stated that unless Mr. George Carey felt it necessary for FBIB to revise the covers on FBIB publications being forwarded to FBIB Bureaus overseas, that from a security standpoint he did not consider such a change necessary. [redacted] stated that he would discuss this matter further with [redacted] and that he desired Mr. [redacted] to inform him of Mr. Carey's decision reference this matter.

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Attachments 2  
Tab A  
Tab B

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Recommendations

It is recommended that:

A definite understanding be reached with regard to enforcement of Notice No. 8-48, 12 April 1948, which established the name Foreign Broadcast Information Service for use by field installations of FBIS. This name be used on procurement contracts, Transportation Requests and in all local activities and negotiations conducted by these field installations.

All printed forms and other material which may be used by native or foreign national employees be sterile as regards CIA. This could be carried into the preparation of Administrative Instructions, General Orders, Notices and all other administrative memoranda or material.

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Security

Security items were covered by [redacted] (I&S). It appears to be the intent to keep FBIS from identifying itself with CIA where possible. If such identity is considered as classified information, then all forms and other material bearing CIA should be classified accordingly when sent to foreign offices. The Cairo office reported that a considerable amount of material bearing "CIA" is received. Accordingly, it is suggested that "CIA" be eliminated from all material being sent to foreign offices and that consideration be given to the elimination of "CIA" from all forms to be printed in the future since the numbering system employed appears to be sufficient.

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